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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, RP

SUBJECT: MERCHANT SHIPPING: PHILIPPINE SHIPS NO LONGER  
EXEMPT FROM U.S. TONNAGE TAXES

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH RESPONSIBLE CABINET AND WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AND IS SENDING NOTE TO DFA, INFORMING GOP OF END OF EXEMPTION OF U.S. TONNAGE TAXES ON PHILIPPINE SHIPPING AND NEED FOR OFFICIAL GOP ASSURANCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATING TAXES FOR RESUMPTION OF EXEMPTION. EMBASSY EXPECTS OFFICIAL GOP ASSURANCE IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE ALONG LINES OF PARA NINE REFTTEL.

2. PHILIPPINES DOES NOT RPT NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FOREIGN SHIPS IN TONNAGE FEES. ALL SHIPS ENGAGED IN FOREIGN TRADE, INCLUDING PHILIPPINE VESSELS, PAY IDENTICAL RATES FOR FOLLOWING THREE TAXES: (A) BERTHING FEE BASED ON TONNAGE; (B) TONNAGE DUES BASED ON NET REGISTERED TONNAGE; AND (C) ENTRANCE AND CLEARANCE FEES (FOR DOCUMENTATION AND ON NOMINAL RATE OF ABOUT P120). FYI ABOVE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED WITH MANILA OFFICERS OF U.S. SHIPPING COMPANIES. END FYI.

3. AS INDICATED MANILA 2498, ISSUE OF 2-1/2 PERCENT SHIPPING TAX IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION IN DOUBLE TAX TALKS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY, 1975, AND GOP HAS INDICATED MATTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS NEGOTIABLE.

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